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1. IF HELICOPTERS MAY ARRIVE VIA ALASKA INTERNATIONAL AIR AS EARLY AS JUNE 1, NEED FURTHER INFO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER OBTAIN FLIGHT CLEARANCE AND ARRANGE FOR WEEKEND OFFLOADING. PLEASE ADVISE ALSO CAPACITY NEEDED FOR FORKLIFT TRUCKS TO BE USED IN OFFLOADING, AND ANY OTHER SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY. WE ARE PLANNING TO OBTAIN AIRPORT VISAS IF NEEDED FOR CREW OF FERRY AIRCRAFT. MFA TELLS US BURMESE EMB WASHINGTON WAS INSTRUCTED O/A MAY 15 TO ISSUE VISAS TO BELL TECH REP/IP. PLEASE ADVISE IF BOTH HAVE RECEIVED VISAS. IF NOT WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE OBTAIN AIRPORT VISAS.
2. EMBASSY TDY QUARTERS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TWO BELL PERSONNEL AT COST OF \$7.50 PER DAY INCLUDING MEALS. BURMA AIR FORCE WILL PROVIDE ON-DUTY TRANSPORTATION AT NOMINAL COST, WHICH THE TWO BELL PERSONNEL SHOULD PLAN TO PAY AND CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT FROM COMPANY (WHICH WILL IN TURN PRESUMABLY INCLUDE THIS AS EXPENSE UNDER ITS CONTRACT WITH USG). ONLY OTHER SUPPORT COSTS WE CAN FORESEE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PORTION OF EMBASSY SAS COSTS, E.G., SERVICES OF EMBASSY MEDICAL UNIT AND SHIPPING SECTION, WHICH WE WILL BE UNABLE CALCULATE IN ADVANCE OF FY 77 SAS SUBMISSION. THESE AMOUNTS WILL IN ANY CASE BE INSIGNIFICANT. FOR EXAMPLE, ON BASIS OF FY 75 COSTS, OUTWARD SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS WOULD COST \$29.73 EACH.

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3. AIRA HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION OF FOLLOW-ON SPARES WITH BAF AS PER REF B. BAF RECOGNIZES ADVANTAGES OF NEARBY SUPPLIER FOR MOST SUCH ITEMS AND PLANS INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH HELL-ORIENT, SINGAPORE.

4. WE ANTICIPATE THAT BAF WILL HAVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION ADEQUATE, THOUGH NOT GENEROUS, FOR PROCUREMENT OF FOLLOW-ON SPARES. POL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS UNLIKELY TO BE A PROBLEM, SINCE BAF PROCURES IT FOR LOCAL CURRENCY AND HAS NO SERIOUS BUDGET LIMITATIONS FOR SUCH PURCHASES.
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